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LASER LIGHTS DANCE on the walls and ceiling at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center to the music of Pink Floyd's "The Wall" Wednesday night. The laser show, sponsored by CAPs, was per-

formed by Laser Theatrics and included two shows. The second show was scheduled to be music from Rush, but because of a stolen audio tape, different music was played.

Laser show changes because of theft

By KAREN GATES
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Neon pink, red, blue, and green, formed funky figures that jumped out at a mesmerized audience while classic rock blared through the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center as students experienced Laser Theatrics.

Music by Pink Floyd and other various artists left ears ringing after the light show.

The first show Wednesday featured Pink Floyd's "The Wall," while the second show was going to feature music from Rush, but the music for it was stolen.

Campus Activity Programers sponsored the show. To make up for the missing music, the

group had to bring in an impromptu mix of country and alternative rock.

"Before the second show, we found out the Rush film was stolen at the last campus laser show was at, so the second show just featured a lot of laser dynamics with alternative rock music and two country songs," Jonathan Meyer, vice president of CAPs, said.

CAPs wanted to have two different shows to bring variety to the audience.

"This is the first time Northwest has ever had an activity like a laser show and for the amount of money we paid, we had our choice of two different shows," Meyer said. "The two different shows allows variety to the audience, and it gives us a chance to do something new

along with giving students who have been here for four years see something different."

The show had a 15- to 20-foot screen set up on the stage while laser machines throughout the room shot lasers onto the screen giving a three-dimensional effect for the audience.

If audience members enjoyed the show, CAPs would like to bring the show back.

"If people show a large interest, this is something we could bring back, but we want to wait a year so students are not stuck with seeing the same shows in the same year," Meyer said.

Some students reacted positively to the show. "I thought the show was pretty good with all-right music," Corbin Pierce said. "It was something different and I would probably go again."

Council backs prison proposal

By AMY DUGGAN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Maryville City Council approved a motion Monday to support Missouri's use of Mount Alverno as a minimum-medium security prison for approximately 525 inmates.

After receiving a letter from the sisters who own the former convent, Mayor Dale Mathes and Council members announced their support for the prison.

"We must remember that the sisters have served the community for many years," Mathes said. "After reading that letter and seeing their concern, it helped me decide which way to go. Like any issue, I've asked students how they feel. I based the questions on what the citizens want and the majority of them were supportive."

Keith Walburn, City Council candidate, believes after researching community views, he supports the prison.

"There's no reason to object it," he said. "If it's only going to be there to benefit, so be it."

The Council based its decision not only on public opinion, but also on the economic stability the prison would provide.

The plan to sell Mount Alverno is certainly not a new issue for the sisters. According to the sisters' letter in the *Maryville Daily Forum*, approximately \$350,000 has been spent "to maintain and market the property over the past nine years."

"I have always said that it should not be up to the citizens of our community to have to put up funding for the prison just like any business coming into our community," Mathes said.

Doug Martin, assistant sociology professor, believes the prison might provide internships for sociology or psychology classes, counseling opportunities and even employment.

"I am certain there would be increasing educational opportunities for students," he said.

Gerald Wilmes, director of health services, respects the Council's decision, but does not believe that from a community standpoint all the issues have been covered.

"My issue is that this is a very visible facility right in a predominant part of the community," he said.

The idea of a prison coming to Maryville struck home for one Maryville student resident. Susie Mires thought the negative benefits of the facility outweighed the positive.

"The type of people coming will make (the city) less safe," she said. "I believe Mount Alverno could be better utilized for more worthwhile purposes."

However, Martin said many have an exaggerated perception of the danger because he said escapes, for the most part, are rare.

The Council met with Gov. Mel Carnahan Tuesday morning to inform him of its decision. The state's final say on the matter must be made within six months, according to the sisters' letter.

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Dale Mathes
Mayor

Suspect waives right to formal arraignment

By APRIL BURGE
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A former Northwest student appeared in court Tuesday to face charges brought against her in connection with a fire that engulfed her boyfriend's lower level apartment on Feb. 16.

Kelly K. Conwell, 604 Butternut Lane, Liberty, Mo., faced charges of a class B felony of arson in the first degree at proceedings earlier this week.

Conwell waived her right to a formal arraignment and a preliminary hearing. David Baird, prosecuting at-

torney, said it was customary for the accused to waive preliminary appearances when the state has a solid case showing the defendant's involvement in the crime.

"All the state has to show is that there was a crime committed and the defendant was definitely connected to it in some way," Baird said.

Conwell was charged with the crime shortly after the fire broke out. The fire was intentionally started in two separate areas of the house, allowing the fire to spread more rapidly, destroying

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Attorneys may consider incompetence defense

By APRIL BURGE
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The widely publicized murder case involving a Maryville man gained more attention late last week when defense counsel for the accused indicated that they may plead mental insanity for the defendant.

Defense attorneys Zel Fischer and William B. Bunch announced in court on Friday that the defendant, William Taylor, requires a psychological evaluation to determine his competence to stand trial.

The intentions of the defense may have come as a surprise to the Missouri Attorney General's office because of Taylor's original plea of innocence in court several weeks prior ago.

Scott Hiensk, press correspondent for the Attorney General's office indicated that Taylor would be required to complete a series of psychological evaluations before a ruling could be made determining his competence.

"He is currently undergoing a psychological evaluation which would in fact determine his mental capacity to stand trial," Hiensk said.

In a preliminary hearing on Friday, the state ordered that the evaluation be handled through the Missouri Department of Health. Taylor must complete the series of psychological tests within 45 days.

Taylor is free on a recently increased bond of \$150,000 after being charged with the first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Debra Jo Taylor on Nov. 10.

Taylor allegedly killed his wife by running over her with a combine.

Initially, the Department of Health will examine Taylor for the prosecution to determine his mental state. After this procedure, Taylor has the right to seek his own psychological testing.

If Taylor is found mentally incapable, he would not be expected to go through normal trial proceedings.

If Taylor is determined mentally competent to stand trial, he will appear before the court on June 2 for pre-trial motions. A tentative date has been set if the Taylor case goes to trial. The trial is expected to begin July 17.

The defense has filed for a change of venue and for a change of judge earlier this week.



CHRIS GALITZ/Missourian Staff

AS A MAN dressed like a woman, Miss Billie describes her desire to be a true woman. She wants to feel what every woman feels as she struggles with AIDS. "What About Black Womyn" ended Black History Month Tuesday night.

Jesse Jackson to draw audiences with speaking skills

By MARK PERSON
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Rev. Jesse Jackson has spoken in front of presidents, diplomats and heads of state. He inspires millions with his charisma and public speaking skills, and this month he is coming to Maryville.

Because of an expected high attendance, the Jackson speech has been moved from the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center to Bearcat Arena. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15.

There is no admission charge for the event. However, Dave Gieseke, director of news and information, is encouraging students to get tickets.

"Admission is still free, but those with a ticket will have first choice," Gieseke said. "We're letting in the people with tickets first. This is our way of giving the community a chance to get the best seating."

The free tickets are available at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. Gieseke is expecting a large turnout.

"We're expecting a fairly large crowd," he said. "That's why we moved the lecture from the Mary Linn to the arena to accommodate everyone."

Jeff Przybylo, speech instructor, said people are drawn to Jackson because of his speaking skills.

"He's incredible," Przybylo said. "Even if you

don't agree with what he says, you have to admire the way he can captivate an audience."

Amy David said she will attend because Jackson is a dynamic speaker.

"I'm Republican, so I don't necessarily agree with some of the things he says," David said. "But I don't think anyone should miss an opportunity to see such a big speaker."

Przybylo said this is an event many people will remember for a long time.

"This is a chance to see someone who is not only known in America, but is internationally respected," Przybylo said. "People will be able to say, 'yeah, I saw Jesse Jackson once, in Maryville.'"

Play recognizes issues facing black 'womyn'

By CODY WALKER
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Through the tales of uncommitted lovers, desired womanhood and lost loved ones, viewers found laughter and tears to be hand-in-hand components in the play "What About Black Womyn?"

The Alliance of Black Collegians and Multicultural Affairs worked together to bring the Living The Dream Inc. production to the Charles Johnson Theater Tuesday evening to bring a powerful end to Black History month.

The play revolved around three very different women afflicted with the AIDS virus: a crack addict named Ruth; Naomi, a middle-aged church lady and a drag queen named Miss Billie.

Although their lives seem completely different at first, after taking the time to listen to one another their lives began to seem similar and the characters began to understand one another.

Conia Latrice Almon-Brown, who played Miss Billie, said the spelling of women with a "y" was chosen by the play's author James H. Chapman.

"He chose to do it to remind himself and all of us that women

are indeed movers and shakers, givers and receivers," she said. "(Womyn) don't come from man or men, but from one of themselves."

Kenya Wilson, who played Ruth, said the characters represent real people in society.

"These are three different women who have three different stories," Wilson said. "It shows that everyone has a story and it's important for everyone to realize that. People tend to stereotype, beat, harass and accuse people of things. I am grateful that someone has heard Ruth's story because really she has no voice."

Almon-Brown said her character was a symbol for the frustration many women experience.

"I think Billie is representative of the frustration that a lot of black women feel," she said. "There are aspects of society we don't like to talk about and it forces you to look at a segment of yourself."

Renee Bergene said she found the play to be very emotional.

"I was deeply touched by the play," Bergene said. "I felt they were all important issues that we need to pay attention to in society."

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OUR VIEW

Federal aid cuts limits education for future students

Less than two years after Congress passed a compromise plan for direct loans to college students, the debate over the plan is more intense than ever.

However, this plan cannot be taken for face-value.

We need to look beyond the immediate surface of it and look at it for what it is worth: trash.

The resolution of that question may hinge on related debates over whether or not direct lending really saves the billions of dollars its advocates promise, and whether or not it serves students' best interests.

In February the Clinton administration escalated matters by proposing in its fiscal 1996 budget to make direct loans the only type of federal lending to students by the academic 1997-98 year.

Prior to February, the administration backed an

increase in the loans.

This resolution may initially save the government billions of dollars, but in the long run it will not save our nation. Our nation's young minds will not be educated enough to lead the country.

It seems the federal government's only priority is cutting a few dollars here and there.

That priority certainly does not center around an investment in the young minds of America with the development of this resolution.

The key question before Congress is how quickly direct lending should replace the old system, which involves banks and loan-guarantee agencies.

Direct loans provide federal funds straight to students, by way of their colleges. It eliminates the "middleman" roles played by banks and guarantee agencies in the guaranteed student loan programs.

The reason for the administration's change of

heart is the projection that the federal deficit would be slashed by \$12 billion over six years.

But such a cut in the deficit would be closely followed by a cut in college graduates.

In more blatant terms, it would set off a decrease in the number of educated minds leading the nation into the next century.

If a prospective student is financially unable to attend college, he or she may not be able to make a yearly income as high as if they attended college.

Low incomes in turn signal less revenue for government.

Through student loans, society invests in the minds of tomorrow's leaders.

Without student loans, there is no investment in the nation's future.

Certainly the best way to deal with such a resolution is to put it where it belongs: in the garbage.

CAMPUS VOICE

Would you attend a baseball game with replacement players?

"Probably not, the players wouldn't be as talented. If there was nothing better on television I would probably watch."

Bill Russell

"Yes I would watch it. Baseball is for enjoyment, I think by the major league players striking it shows that they are not playing for the love of the game but for the monetary factor only."

Candy Goetsch

"Sure, I enjoy baseball. I guess I am so mad at the professional players for striking that I would watch (other players) just to piss them off."

Derek Koppen

"Probably at first. I like the game of baseball, it is an interesting sport. But I would like to see the game played by the regular players."

Andy Dugan

VOICE IN THE CROWD

Toxic material oozes from walls



Mac Tonnies
Columnist

College can be hard enough without contending with ice-glazed sidewalks, high intensity Missouri winds and restrooms from hell.

The restroom incident I refer to took place a few weeks ago inside the Student Union, when I was spritzed by sulfuric acid while attempting to have a bowel movement.

Somehow, a deluge of sulfuric acid, its purpose a mystery, began leaking from the walls, pooling on the tile in red, toxic cesspools. As drops hit the floor, they exploded into a fine mist that alighted on my nether-regions.

At least I assume this is what happened, because I don't recall coming into direct contact with the liquid. In any case, my skin began to burn furiously.

Clenching my teeth and groaning, I hobbled across the restroom to the sink, in an attempt to wet paper towels and remove the strange liquid that had beaded on my legs and my ... my ... I'd rather not talk about it.

I'd rather not get into explicit detail about this, but rest assured that it happened and, most importantly, it happened to me.

Perhaps the same thing happened to someone else, and I don't know about it. If so, I think a support group might be in order.

Of course, the restroom in question didn't even have a paper-towel dispenser, but one of those sanitary hand dryers. Frustrated, I ran from the restroom.

Only then did I witness the ugly surrealism of the leak. Red, caustic-smelling liquid poured from several areas on the ceiling, spattering on the urinals and sinks.

Several puddles of this menace threatened to block my path entirely.

I escaped the restroom and made it to Student Health Services.

"Can I see a doctor or a nurse?" I asked the receptionist. "Do you have an appointment?"

"No, I don't. I just got burned; I need to talk with someone."

"We work on an appointment basis."

I was about to scream when I flagged down a nurse, who will remain anonymous, and told her of my predicament.

She nodded, stepped aside (probably to dial up Midwest Psychiatric Consultants) and ushered me into a room to ask what happened.

I realized how ridiculous I sounded, and felt I had to defend my story. "It got on my boot; you can still see it," I insisted, pointing to the numerous blackened areas on my hiking boot. Dr. Wilmes came in to see what the problem was and told me to come back if I developed any rash or discoloration.

He refrained from asking if I had taken any LSD recently, which I appreciated.

By this time the burning sensation had subsided to a tolerable itch, and I went back to my dorm, extremely confused.

Later that day I got a call from Student Health Services asking me to come over. I did so, and discovered that the red liquid had been analyzed and determined to be sulfuric acid.

"What was sulfuric acid doing in the ceiling?" I asked, justifiably curious. I didn't receive anything resembling a plausible answer, so I am forced to assume I had stumbled upon some strange cover-up.

Is Campus Safety dumping industrial quantities of sulfuric acid into the water supply?

Had I discovered the secret ingredient in 'Cats Commons' lasagna?

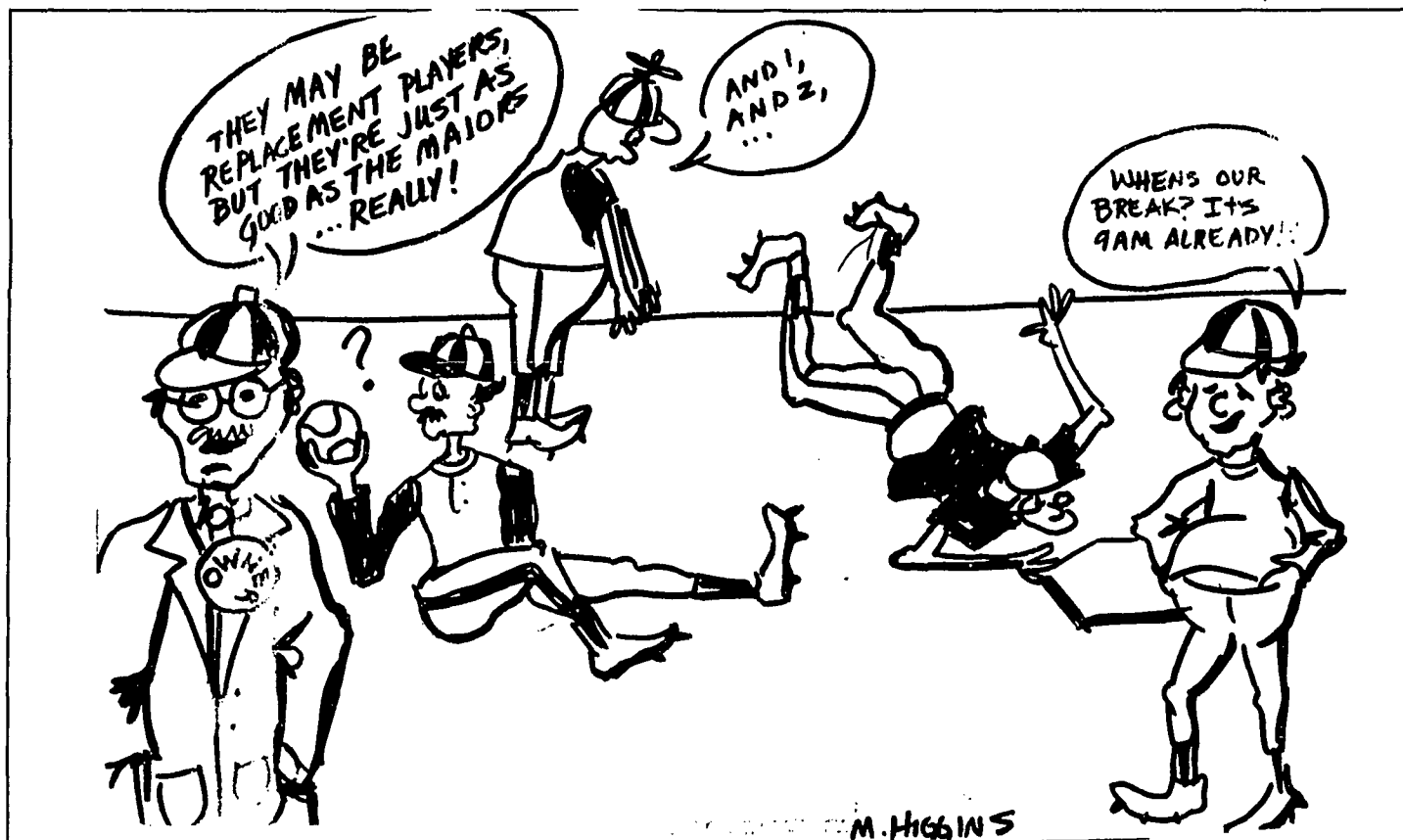
The next day, the restroom was "out of order" — a clever euphemism for "Level Four Biocontainment Zone: Do Not Enter Without Breathing Apparatus."

The room remained closed for about a week. Once, I ventured inside to see sheets of clear plastic draped over the fixtures, discarded rubber gloves, and a gaping hole in the ceiling.

The hole revealed flaps of charred-looking wire mesh and an abundance of pipe and ductwork.

Now, the peculiar hole is securely covered by a large metal rectangle, and the only trace of the acid deluge is a faint red stain between the tiles on the wall.

It's another Northwest mystery, destined to rank up there with the ghost of Roberta Hall and the curious appeal of "Ricki Lake."



MY TURN

Students eat bread, water until parental units visit



Gene Cassell
Associate Editor

Cleaning house is a necessary evil when parents come to call

When the parental units come to visit, it is sometimes a time, joy and happiness, or the other extreme: fear, begging, pleading and sorrow. (You know what I am saying, begging for money, cash, checks, anything with denominational value.)

When parents come to visit their kids at school, most off-campus students try to survive as if they were stuck in the middle of a desert island. In other words, they try to survive on the basic food groups of macaroni and cheese, Kool-Aid, bread and the last beat-up, pea-size crumbs in the bottom of the Fruity Pebbles box. When Mom and Dad will feel sorry for you after looking into the cabinets and refrigerator, hopefully they will take you to the local supermarket.

These events happened to me last weekend. Before I passed out because of lack of food, however, a serious transformation had to occur in my apartment. It would have to be a major overhaul, a face-lift that would make even Michael Jackson jealous.

The kitchen got a basic wipe-down with Fantastic and Comet, (a combination of odors made for use in a well-ventilated area) and just enough elbow grease to make the shine last a day or two until they leave.

Meanwhile the bathroom, the place where students only go to do their business and hardly ever think of cleaning — where mold and who only knows what else hides in the deepest corners — has to be cleaned.

Cleaning that area is like being the captain of the team who had to take the last neighborhood kid in pick-up football games — nobody wanted to, but to keep the peace and not have a mother yell at you, you picked him anyway.

After those two areas are cleaned and the sweet mixture of Fantastic and Comet are still lingering in the air, the fun really began when I reached the bedroom where two weeks of laundry sit on the floor waiting to be cleaned. But being the usually nit-picky cleaning guy I am, I separated it all into the whites and the colors for a mad dash to the laundromat.

I, however, have three piles when I do laundry — the whites, colors and the "I'm not sure which pile these really go into." But after it is all done there's no pink underwear, so it was a successful trip.

After what seemed to be an eternity, the apartment was clean and everything is just spiffy. Then the moment of truth, the parents arrived, and the best comment that could come from the visiting duo: "The house looks really clean."

I think they really meant it, but it is part of their job description to build their kids up. So there was that small thought in my brain that kept insisting, "They are only saying it to be nice." Not with my parents though — I know they really mean it.

I am just happy to say my parents were able to come up for my own personal Parent's Day (since they missed the real one in October). I am even more thankful they didn't see my apartment until after the hazardous waste clean-up and removal teams (better known as me) had transferred a disaster area just hours before their arrival into a quite livable and mostly disinfected place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prison questions not answered

Dear Editor,

In the Feb. 23 issue of the *Missourian*, University President Dean Hubbard said "The arguments against the prison do not hold up" and "...all of the questions have been asked and adequate answers have been given." I have a problem with both of these statements.

In my mind some arguments for the prison hold up and some do not. What cannot be disputed is that Maryville will change if we get a prison. Have all the questions been answered? Maryville may grow. Are we ready for growth?

Will the image of a prison next to our new recreational facility deter people outside the community from using it? The Department of Corrections tells us "It is unlikely that families of prisoners will be relocated to Maryville." Unlikely does not mean impossible. If families relocate, many may be fine people, but all it takes is one.

Again, look to Cameron. There has been an increase in violence in schools — not only in the amount of violence but also the degree. Are we ready to handle these changes?

Nothing is as simple as it seems. Do the jobs we create today change our community so that we may not enjoy the fruits of our labors in the future? The only argument for the prison that holds up, in my thinking, is money. This leads us to the questions, who will make it, and how much will the rest of us have to pay?

Just because one person says that the questions have been answered and that the arguments hold up does not make it so.

Building more prisons is a simple, but

incomplete solution to a complex problem.

This prison is going to be a long-term problem. Are we willing and able to deal with the changes that will occur in Nodaway County? There will be no going back.

Eric and Judy Johansen

Roller Hockey club gets shafted

Dear Editor,

This weekend was the realization of a dream for many Northwest students as the Northwest Roller Hockey team played host to its first-ever inter-collegiate roller hockey game. Through the dedication of the team's players, and the helpfulness of volunteers, a very professional event was staged.

The team from Northeast, as well as many of the Northwest fans, were surprised at the level of professionalism exhibited at the game. From the announcers to the scoreboard to the surprising number of fans in attendance, the whole event encompassed the Northwest spirit and would make anyone proud to be a Bearcat.

The only disappointment was the lack of media attention given to possibly the second largest sporting event of the weekend. This was not desired as a means of self-glorification for the team, but as a way to show the University and the community what hard-working, determined students are capable of accomplishing. It also could have been used to show the strength and diversity of sports.

Because of the overwhelming success of this event, there are many people who must be thanked for their contributions.

Ray Dinkins

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State may grant schools money

State budget proposal may allocate funding for all education levels

By CHRIS TRIEBSCH
CHIEF REPORTER

The University may soon receive additional state funding as Gov. Mel Carnahan proposed an amended budget Tuesday that would give more money to higher education.

If passed by the legislature, an additional \$20 million could be given to colleges and universities. Of that sum, Northwest would receive \$510,617.

The amended budget would also include an additional \$300,000 for scholarships and \$110,475 for information technology improvements to Northwest, which would include updated library technology.

The proposals also give more money to elementary and secondary educational institutions.

The amendments to the budget came

because of the recent settlement agreement on desegregation, updated estimates of lottery and gaming proceeds and savings in welfare programs achieved since the original budget was written.

"The additional revenues from the lottery, gaming and desegregation savings enable us to continue our commitment to education and our children without jeopardizing other important programs," Carnahan said in a news release. "This is an important step forward for higher education and our elementary and secondary schools."

University President Dean Hubbard said some of that money would go toward fighting the increased taxes. A lot of the excess money will go toward specified equipment.

If there is any more excess money, Hubbard is not sure exactly where it would go, but he said it would be used for some of the operations of the University.

Hubbard said he expects the legislature to pass Carnahan's proposals.



WES CLARK/Missourian Staff

LEGISLATORS AND STAFF visit with students and faculty from Northwest during the annual legislative reception Tuesday in Jefferson City. The students received a tour of the capitol building.

Students make good impression at capitol

By CHRIS TRIEBSCH
CHIEF REPORTER

Intent on making a good impression for Northwest, 22 students traveled to Jefferson City Tuesday for the annual legislative reception.

Upon arrival, they had a luncheon with the legislators and gave them handouts about the University.

After meeting with Sen. Sam Graves and Rep. Rex Barnett, they received a tour of the capitol.

The event takes place every year for the purpose of making a good impression for the University, Robert Dewhirst, associate professor of government, said.

Student Senate president Jessica Elgin said the reception is beneficial.

"It allows the legislators to interact with students and see how satisfied the main customers are," Elgin said. "It also gives students a feel for the legislative process."

Lisa Stubbendick, who has been to the legislative reception for the past three years, said the trip was a little different this year.

"We had more time scheduled to go around the capitol on our own," Stubbendick said. "We did not have

to rush as much before the luncheon."

Dewhirst said other universities visit the capitol, but he is not aware of any other that takes a busload of students.

"The students really make a good impression," Dewhirst said. "We get good feedback from the legislators. That is what is really distinctive about our efforts."

Stubbendick also said the legislators seemed to be impressed with the students and the University.

"I think they were most impressed with our positiveness and friendliness," Stubbendick said. "You can't be timid. Northwest is a good school. Everyone knows that we have a good reputation."

Nine or 10 years ago, the trip started out as a function of the political science club, but Student Senate soon took over.

University President Dean Hubbard had told the group before the visit that they were not being asked to lobby for anything, but rather to make good impressions for the University.

However, if something pertinent to the University comes up in the future, such as education cuts, the University may ask students to lobby.



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BRIEF

Commercials receive awards in competition

The office of public relations has been notified that they have won awards in the 10th annual Admissions Advertising Award competition.

The University received second and third in the television advertising/single category for schools with 5,000 to 10,000 students. Both awards were for 30-second TV commercials produced by the University.

"Northwest Style," which placed second in the competition, features

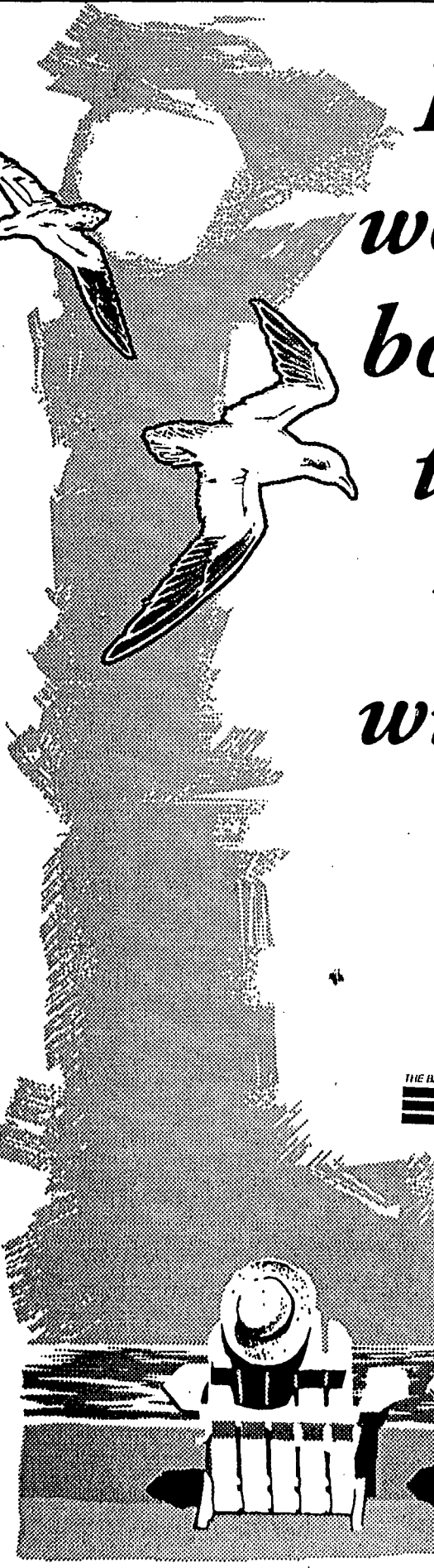
Brian Marriott in front of the Administration Building, modeling different styles of clothing in an attempt to show the different aspects of campus life.

"I Don't Think So," which placed third in the competition, tries to downplay the myth that there is nothing to do at small-town universities.


Those ads have aired for the past year and a half in the St. Joseph, Kansas City, Des Moines, Columbia, Jefferson City and Omaha markets.

First place in the competition went to Indiana University/Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Ind.

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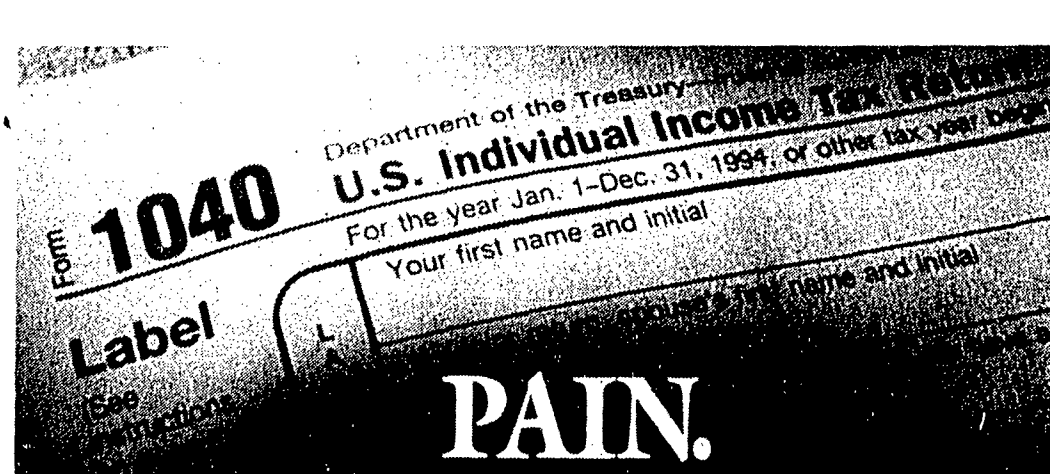
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CALENDAR

2 THURSDAY

8:15 a.m. CLEP, GED and MAT tests in 120 Wells Hall.
3:30 p.m. IFC meeting in the Northwest Room.
5:30 p.m. CAPs meeting in the Northwest Room.
7 p.m. International summer tours forum in 301 Golden Hall.
7 p.m. Ambassadors Inc. Bible study in the Baptist Student Union.
7:30 p.m. Bearcat Sweethearts meeting in 243 Golden.

3 FRIDAY

8:15 a.m. CLEP, GED and MAT tests in 120 Wells.
10 a.m. Mid-semester deficiency grades due in Registrar's Office.
7 p.m. Turkish student meeting in the Northwest Room.

4 SATURDAY

Bearcat track at Sam Houston State Invitational.
Bearcat tennis at Oral Roberts University.
Bearcat tennis at Northeastern State at Oklahoma.

5 SUNDAY

Bearcat tennis at University of Central Oklahoma.
Bearcat baseball at Missouri Western State College.

6 MONDAY

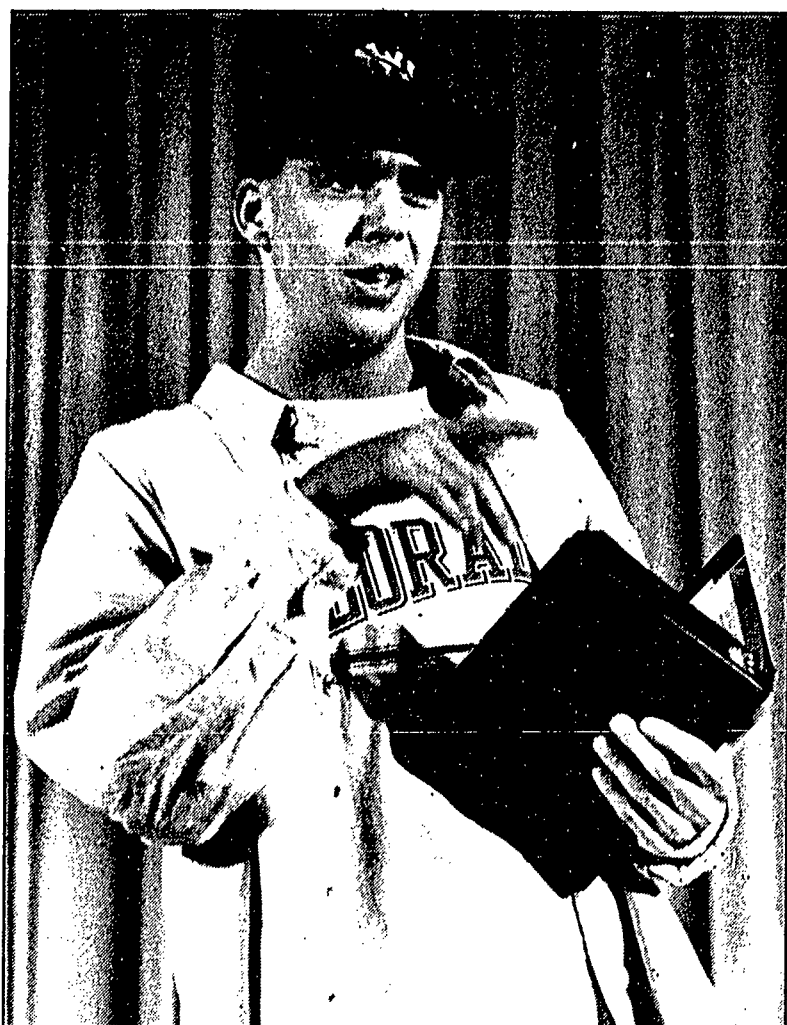
Bearcat tennis at Drury College.
Bearcat tennis at Southwest Missouri State University.
Bearcat baseball at Pittsburg State University.
Spring break begins.

7 TUESDAY

2 p.m. Bearcat women's tennis vs. St. Cloud (Minn.) State University at Grube Courts.
Bearcat softball at West Florida Flng.
Bearcat baseball at South Dakota State University.

8 WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. Rotary Career day in Student Union.
Bearcat track at Texas A&M/Kingsville.
Bearcat baseball at SDSU.



JACK VAUGHT/Chief Photographer

IN FRONT OF a small, yet dedicated audience, Shawn Bechtol performs his rendition of "The Art of Disco Dancing" during open mic night at Café Karma Tuesday.

Underground talent pleases small crowd

By JASON CISPER
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The heavy scent of coffee lingering in the air, the preaching of poets and the tapping of feet to the mellow guitar sounds could have only meant one thing: Tuesday night was Underground night at Café Karma.

The Underground is a forum for student performers to showcase their talents, which is sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers.

The Underground included a guitarist, a jazz trio and several poetry readings. Allan Bennett, the master of ceremonies, kept the show moving with a few of his own songs.

Tuesday night's performance had a relatively low turnout, Kevin Gogan, CAPs president, said.

"Normally we have eight to 10 performers on open mic night," Gogan said. "Students usually come out of the woodwork for the Underground."

Bennett was approached by CAPs members last semester about being emcee for the Café Karma series.

"I've created open mic night at several clubs in upstate New York,"

UP NEXT

► Café Karma presents the Holiday Ranch Duo on March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Bennett said. "Kevin and I talked about the idea a lot. We brainstormed, and CAPs had already come up with some good ideas."

Bennett said that the talent on Tuesday was "the best night we've had. You expect to come and hear some good music, but (the poetry readings) really spiced it up."

Café Karma generally draws 60 to 75 viewers. The only charge is for the food available. Gogan said CAPs is happy if the series pays for itself.

"We've just tried to create a free and open place where people can relax and listen to some music," he said.

Chris Hendren, a first-time attendant, was impressed with the show. "The atmosphere was incredible," Hendren said. "I will definitely come back."

"Café Karma is a nice complement to the bar scene," Bennett said. "I've always got plenty of material to play, and I guarantee that no one will walk away disappointed."

Speech team qualifies for nationals

By CHRIS TRIEBSCHE
CHIEF REPORTER



Natalie Roberts won the right to attend an interstate oratorical contest in Arizona

A mistake in tabulations in last weekend's forensic tournament resulted in a heartbreaking loss for Northwest's speech team to Southwest Baptist University.

Going into the final round of action, the Northwest forensic team was winning by two points. But a miscalculation placed a Southwest Baptist student in the final round. He chose a topic he very familiar with and won.

As a result, Southwest Baptist won the tournament by four points. Northwest placed second in the tournament.

"He got the six points and we could not do anything about it," forensics coach John Rude said. "It was very unfortunate and it made (our) team feel lousy. It was the only error we found the whole weekend."

The tournament took place at the University and 10 schools attended, including Northeast Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis, which placed third.

Northwest had many individual winners in the tournament as well.

One of the highlights of the tournament was Natalie Roberts winning the right to attend an interstate oratorical contest in Arizona. That contest will take place the last week of April.

Roberts, who is a freshman, also won first in the persuasion category.

"I think everyone did really well," Roberts said. "It was one of our better tournaments."

Neil Neumeyer placed third in the overall top speaker award and first in the poetry interpretation category. He also won first in duo interpretation with Mary Moore and placed second in communication analysis.

Although Neumeyer was upset with the loss, he was happy with his personal performance.

"I was very pleased with how I did," Neumeyer said. "You have to work hard, but I do not really think of it as hard work anymore. I am getting used to it."

Neumeyer emphasized the team approach and how everyone on the team makes a difference.

Production explores the strength of black 'womyn'

► WOMYN from page 1

I can see there's still racial discrimination in all races. People just need to treat everyone equally."

The men referred to in the play were considered to be "dogs" or unfaithful, untrustworthy men.

Almon-Brown said the play and the stories address only one type of men and the reference of a "dog" does

not apply to all men.

"(The men referred to) represent a type of man who does not have respect for women or have love," she said. "The type of man who does not have the ability to know what a healthy relationship is."

While each of the women dealt with AIDS differently, finding acceptance, love and confidence within themselves was the main aspect in

each of their lives and in their deaths.

"Each character represented a stage," Pajil Wiggins, who played Naomi, said. "And at each stage they would arrive at peace. They would start to live from the soul out, if it's in you, you'll be at peace."

Marcus Gowins said the play presented black women in a light in which they are often not seen.

"It was excellent," Gowins said.

"I think the style made it different — more emotional. It really made me recognize the strength of black women with all the things (they) go through in our society. I don't think it really reinforced stereotypes. I think if anything (the play) should have given another image of the black woman."

The play ended the month of activities which corresponded with the education aspect of Black History Month.

CAMPUS CRIME Campus Safety and Campus Judiciary reports

■ Feb. 21 A male student reported that a University van he was driving was hit on the passenger side while it was parked in a parking lot.

■ Feb. 21 A male student reported that he has been receiving harassing phone calls. The case is still under investigation.

■ Feb. 21 Two male students reported that a female was threatening to do harm to herself. The students contacted Campus

Safety. It was determined that she be taken to St. Francis Hospital for observation and evaluation. She was later released.

■ Feb. 24 A male student reported that while his vehicle was parked in the lot south of the ball diamond, all four of the tires were cut. Two weeks before, he discovered that person(s) unknown had scratched profane words on the hood. The case is still under investigation.

Campus Judiciary reports

■ A male student was found in violation of being in the presence of a controlled substance. He appealed the decision but it was upheld and he was placed on hall probation.

■ A male student was charged with and found in violation of three charges: possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and littering. He was placed on strict campus conduct

probation, all inclusive, but is still able to receive financial aid through May 12. He must also attend the After Hours Program.

■ A male student was charged and found in violation of two charges: possession or in the presence of a controlled substance and possession or in the presence of drug paraphernalia. He was placed on strict campus conduct probation, all inclusive, through May 12. He must also attend an After Hours Program.

READ ME

Officials charge first degree arson

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thousands of dollars of personal property.

The official charge of arson in the first degree possesses a more serious penalty compared to a regular arson charge, because the structure was occupied by some of its inhabitants when the blaze was set.

Conwell was allegedly involved in a relationship with Ryan Cummins, one of the men who lived in the apartment.

"I'll always love her," Cummins said.

Conwell will appear again in court on March 13 to be advised of her rights and enter her plea.

"She has the choice of entering a

plea of not guilty due to mental defect," Baird said.

It is speculated that Conwell may utilize the plea that Baird mentioned.

Conwell, a Delta Zeta sorority member, was criticized earlier this week by members of that organization.

Sorority members said they believed Conwell was emotionally unstable and her actions didn't represent the sorority.

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Turret Society waits for national affiliation

By JULIE SHARP
MISSOURIAN STAFF

In the next step for establishing itself as a national honorary, the newly formed Turret Society met with a representative from the national affiliate, Mortar Board Inc. Sunday and Monday.

Paula Holtman, Turret Society president, was enthusiastic about the visit and said the group will have to wait for the board's decision.

"I think we have got a really diverse group," Holtman said. "They are really active, they have worked really hard and they are really excited about this visit. I think we'll be just fine."

Organizers of the Turret Society sent information last semester to seniors with at least a 3.0 grade point average. From there the students applied and 35 were selected based on scholarship, leadership and service.

Aside from its application to Mortar Board, the group has several other things in the works.

The Culture of Quality Symposium is in the final stages of planning and several of the Turret members plan to get involved with the local Big Brother/Big Sister programs in Maryville.

Looking to the future, Turret members are planning to select new members and planning self-promotion to make their name more visible.

CARE carnival postponed

By TATE SINCLAIR
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Chemical Abuse Resource and Education organization is usually a quiet entity on campus. This week, however, it has raised its voice for the second annual CARE week.

Even though the weather caused the carnival on scheduled for today to be postponed, CARE member Jeanna Powers said the week was a success.

The events kicked off Monday night with a non-alcoholic Bar Crawl. Nine campus organizations came to the

Spanish Den with their best tasting and most unusual non-alcoholic drink. The contest was won by Delta Zeta.

Tuesday was "Dead Day," a day to remember those who have died from drunken driving accidents.

There was also a bell ringing at 12:15 p.m. to remember victims, but Hetzler said there was only a turnout of only about 10 because of the weather.

Three members from Mothers Against Drunk Driving spoke Wednesday night in the Charles Johnson Theater. They spoke of personal experiences with drunken driving tragedies.

Students enjoy giving recitals

Months of rehearsal produce near perfect music presentations

By SUSAN PORTERFIELD
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The stress of struggling with that last piece and the practice that goes into a senior music recital might lead one to believe that music majors dread them, but several welcome the chance to display their hard work.

The recitals, a requirement for students who are working toward a degree in the music department, are culminations of pieces that some students began choosing their freshman and sophomore years.

Cori Monarrez is preparing for her upcoming vocal recital on May 1, which includes pieces such as "And So Goodbye" she said she has looked forward to her recital since her freshman year.

"I started choosing my music last year," she said. "I have been practicing for a good year, but I've thought about it from my freshman year."

Although she has found the recital preparation to be hard work, Monarrez has also enjoyed her time practicing the pieces she will perform.

"It is fun," she said. "This is worth the work. It's nerve-racking because I want it to go well. It's not like a paper. I can't word check because it's a performance."

Kip Mathew performed his vocal recital Sunday. He agreed that the work was difficult.



CHRISTY SPAGNA/Photography Director

MUSIC STUDENTS PRESENT their musical talents during Kip Mathew's senior recital. Many in this department are required to showcase their talents during a presentation to faculty and students.

"It had its ups and downs," he said. "At first, it seemed like an impossible task with 45 minutes straight of music. I never tried that much before especially with memorizing music in a foreign language. It got tense once in a while, but mostly I found it enjoyable."

Music majors and minors are required to attend a number of non-professional performances. Bryan Frey chose to attend many of the senior recitals because of the effort of

the seniors and quality of the performances.

"All of them are really good because they've been working for so long," he said. "Some have been working on their project for four years and their performances are really polished."

Frey also encouraged other music lovers to attend because of other aspects of the performances.

"They do a wide variety of music," he said. "You know you're going to

hear a quality performance, and some will be near perfect."

Planning ahead is a big part of the recital, and Mathew said that setting an agenda early helps the preparation and performance go more smoothly. Monarrez also had some advice for future seniors with their recitals.

"Consistently practicing helps, and don't wait until your senior year to put on the pressure," Monarrez said. "It is going to be more awesome if you work hard from the beginning."

Male student confesses to pulling fire alarm

Fake fire alarm pullee admits to one of many in South Complex area

By JULIE SHARP
MISSOURIAN STAFF

In connection with the recent pulling of fire alarms in South Complex, a male subject turned himself in last Thursday.

Sgt. Shawn Callie, campus safety officer, said the male student confessed to only one of the nine reported fire alarms that have occurred this semester in the residence hall.

After turning himself in, the male read a statement confessing to the pulling of the fire alarm.

After being summoned by the state for filing a false report, the subject will appear in front of a Nodaway County Court.

He will also appear in front of a campus court "for endangering the safety of students," Callie said.

Callie said that anytime a fire alarm is pulled, he is the investigating officer, "even if it is a one-time deal."

Wendy Freedman, South Complex hall director, is concerned with the large number of fire alarms pulled in

the residence hall.

Freedman said that of the nine alarms pulled this semester, eight were pulled in one week.

However, she said, the frequency of false alarms has decreased.

"The number has curtailed," Freedman said. "In the last week and a half, we haven't had one pulled."

This may be because of a "student watch," now implemented in the residence hall.

Freedman said the watch is composed of students who volunteer their time from 1 to 5 a.m. to watch for such violators.

"They are concerned residents who want a full night's rest," Freedman said.

When a volunteer finds a violator, he or she reports the offender to Campus Safety.

The incentive is a \$500 reward to an individual who turns in the accused. Residential Life sponsors the reward, Callie said.

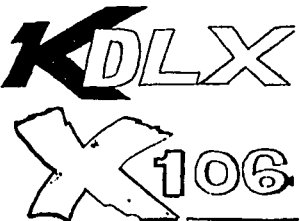
"The person (who gives information) must not only report it, but also see it through 'til the end," Callie said.

Remaining false fire alarms are still under investigation.

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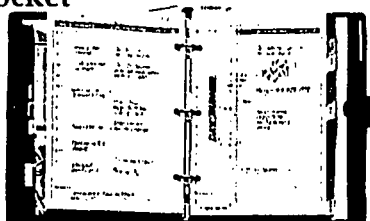
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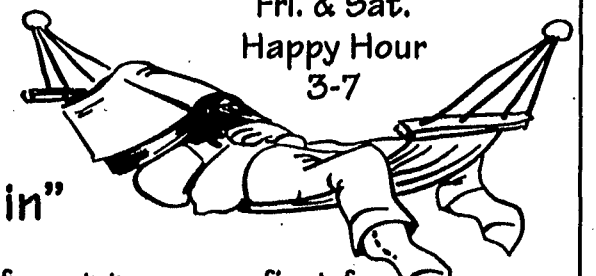
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Men's Basketball

Monday, Feb. 27										
Northwest 73, Missouri Western 112										
	MIN	FG	FT	REB	AST	PF	TP			
Smith	14	1-4	1-1	0-1	0	0	3			
Simon	30	1-4	0-0	0-5	4	3	3			
Jones	27	5-8	2-2	0-1	1	1	13			
Szlanda	20	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0			
Jolley	25	9-14	2-3	3-7	1	3	20			
Golden	23	5-8	2-2	1-5	0	3	15			
Fidler	25	2-12	0-0	0-3	0	3	4			
Harms	12	2-8	1-4	1-2	0	1	5			
Mauer	11	2-3	3-4	0-2	2	1	8			
Hoberg	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2			
Blackman	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
TOTALS	200	28-64	11-16	6-27	11	18	73			

Percentages: FG—.438, FT—.688, Three Point Goals 6-15, 400 (Golden 3-6, Jones 1-1, Mauer 1-1, Simon 1-2, Fidler 0-5) Team rebounds: 2 Blocked shots: 1 (Fidler) Turnovers: 19 (Smith 4, Jones 3, Szlanda 3, Fidler 2, Harms 2, Mauer 2, Simon, Golden, Blackman) Steals: 6 (Simon 2, Jolley 2, Smith, Jones) Technical fouls: None Attendance: 1,450 (est.)

Men's MIAA Tournament

FIRST ROUND—Monday, February 27
 @ Missouri Western 112, Northwest 73
 @ Washburn 91, Southwest Baptist 80
 @ Northeast 81, Missouri-St. Louis 74
 @ Central Missouri 99, Pittsburg State 92
SEMIFINALS—Wednesday, March 1
 @ Washburn 74, Northeast 64
 @ Missouri Western 99, Central Missouri 93
FINALS—Friday, March 3
 Washburn @ Missouri Western

Women's Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 25
 Northwest 63, Washburn 92

	MIN	FG	FT	REB	AST	PF	TP			
Laudont	13	4-9	0-0	1-2	1	0	8			
Rasmussen	21	4-5	0-0	0-3	0	1	8			
Kenyon	5	1-3	0-0	2-3	0	1	2			
Ickes	25	4-6	4-6	0-5	0	2	12			
Feaker	13	0-1	1-2	2-2	0	1	1			
McCown	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Cummings	27	4-10	0-0	0-3	5	5	8			
Coy	17	2-4	4-6	2-3	0	1	8			
Henry	15	0-2	3-4	0-2	0	4	3			
Krohn	26	1-11	0-0	2-4	0	3	3			
Oertel	22	1-3	4-4	0-4	1	2	7			
Jorgensen	9	1-4	0-1	1-3	1	2	2			
TOTALS	200	22-69	16-23	10-34	8	22	63			

Percentages: FG—.319, FT—.696, Three Point Goals 3-18, 167 (Laudont 1-3, Krohn 1-4, Oertel 1-8, Feaker 0-1, Jorgensen 0-2) Team rebounds: 6 Blocked shots: 1 (Henry) Turnovers: 14 (Ickes 3, Coy 3, Oertel 3, Cummings 2, Feaker, McCown, Jorgensen) Steals: 2 (Feaker, Henry) Technical fouls: None Attendance: 1,200 (est.)

Women's MIAA Tournament

FIRST ROUND—Tuesday, February 28
 @ Missouri Western 80, Emporia State 69
 @ Washburn 80, Missouri-Rolla 69
 @ Missouri Southern 88, Central Missouri 64
 @ Pittsburg State 84, Southwest Baptist 79
SEMIFINALS—Thursday, March 2
 Washburn @ Missouri Southern
 Pittsburg State @ Missouri Western
FINALS—Saturday, March 4
 WU/MSSC winner vs. PSU/MWSC winner

Bearcat Baseball

Saturday, February 25
 Game No. 2

Northwest 20, Southwest Baptist 4										
	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	E	A			
Fitzmorris cf	3	1	3	1	2	0	0			
Skriver lf	6	2	2	2	1	0	0			
Carter dh	3	2	3	2	0	0	0			
Paulson 1b	5	3	4	9	8	0	0			
Withar ss	3	1	2	0	1	0	1			
Beasley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Balm 3b	3	1	0	1	0	0	1			
Kruger	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Barnett c	2	1	2	1	5	0	1			
Griggs	1	1	1	0	0	0	0			
Newell 2b	4	1	0	1	2	0	1			
Soderstrom rf	2	1	1	1	2	0	0			
Abbott	2	1	2	1	0	0	0			
TOTALS	35	15	20	19	21	1	4			

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PLAYER WATCH

Jeremiah Paulson

Class: Junior
Hometown: Osseo, Wis.
Previous School: Waldorf JC
Major: Accounting



Career highlights: In high school, was all-conference three times, leading the conference in batting two years with averages of .550, and .600. At Waldorf JC, he was first-team all-region, and a second-team all-American. **This season's stats:** In two games, leads the team with four home runs, 11 RBI, four hits, five runs scored and a slugging percentage of 2.000. Third on the team in putouts with eight. His four home runs also leads the MIAA.

KEY QUOTE

"It was embarrassing. It was a disappointing and embarrassing loss and that is about all there is to say."

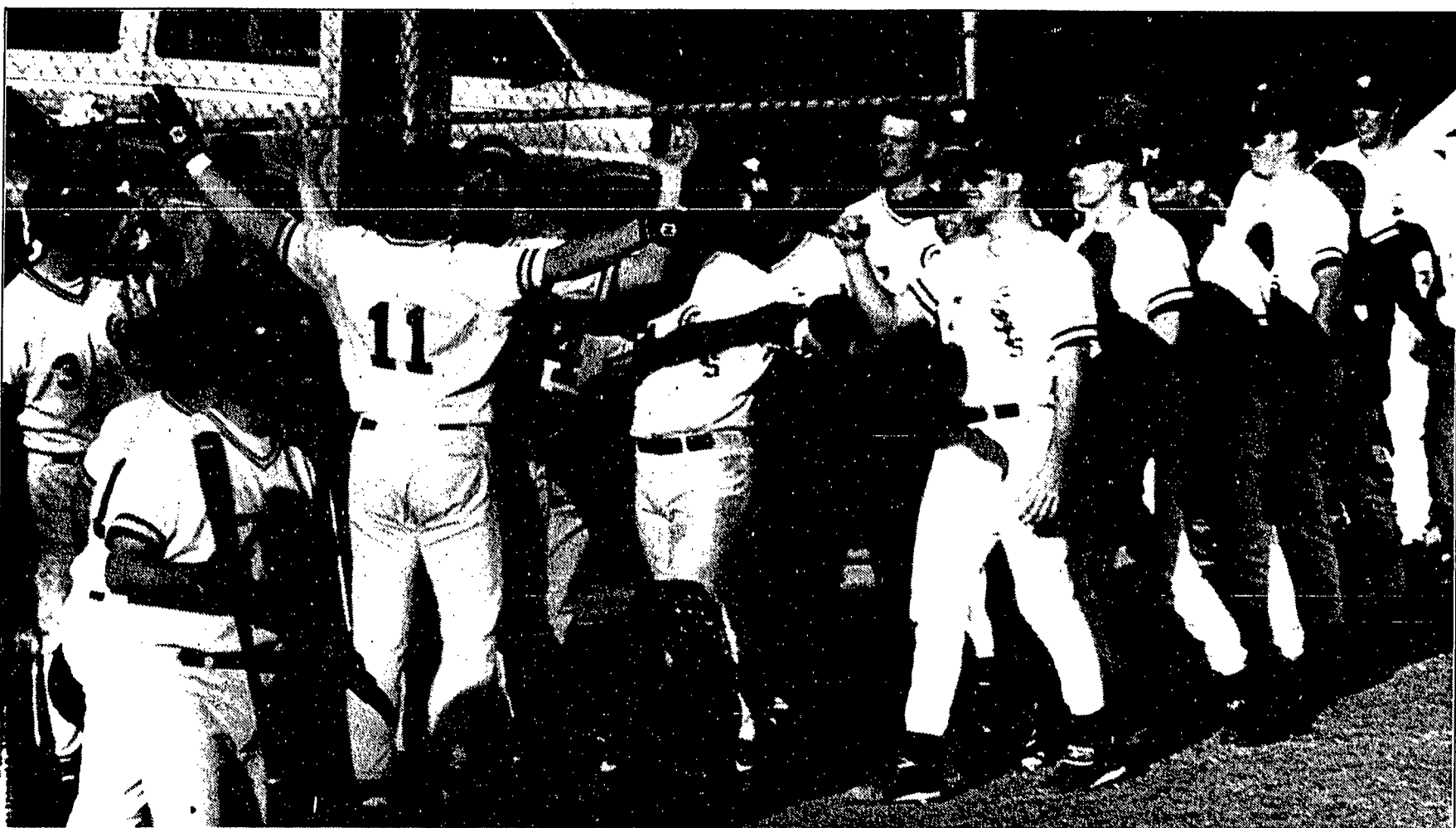
—Steve Tappmeyer
 Bearcat men's head coach

Big Eight Basketball

(conference and overall records)

	W	L	W	L	Pct.
1. Kansas (4)	10-3	7-9	21-4	8-40	
2. Oklahoma St. (20)	10-3	7-9	20-8	7-14	
3. Oklahoma (18)	9-4	6-9	22-6	7-8	
4. Missouri (21)	7-6	5-8	18-7	7-20	
5. Iowa State (22)	5-8	3-5	19-9	6-79	
6. Nebraska	4-9	3-8	17-11	6-07	
7. Colorado	4-9	3-8	14-11	5-60	
8. Kansas State	3-10	2-12	12-13	4-80	

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Monday's results
 Oklahoma State 77, Iowa State 49
Wednesday's results
 Colorado 81, Missouri 76
 Kansas State 75, Nebraska 73
 Oklahoma 71, Iowa State 68
Saturday's games
 Oklahoma @ Missouri
 Colorado @ Kansas State
Sunday's games
 Iowa State @ Nebraska
 Oklahoma State @ Kansas



THE BEARCATS CELEBRATE one of Jeremiah Paulson's four home runs during Saturday's double-header against Southwest Baptist University. Paulson smashed three of his MIAA-leading four home runs during the second game.

CHRISTY SPAGNA/
 Photography Director

Paulson's 4 home runs down SBU

By JEFF HARLIN
 MISSOURIAN STAFF

■ Northwest pounces Southwest Baptist University in second game of a double-header Saturday, 20-4.

With four mighty swings of his bat, junior first baseman Jeremiah Paulson equaled last year's team leaders in home runs and helped the Bearcat baseball team to a double-header sweep of MIAA foe Southwest Baptist University, 5-4 and 20-4.

In Saturday's first game, junior pitcher Jay Davidson hurled four strong innings giving up one run on three hits while striking out two. Davidson picked up the first win of the 1995 season.

Northwest had a 3-0 lead over SBU going into the fifth inning. SBU got solo runs in the fifth and sixth innings to come within one run of the 'Cats. But a two-run sixth inning by Northwest secured the lead as SBU could only

muster two runs in the seventh.

Northwest pounded out nine hits in the 5-4 victory. Leading the way at the plate was senior shortstop Brian Witthar and junior catcher James Barnett, who both had two hits in the first game.

In the second game, Northwest once again led by three, plating a single run in the second inning and two in the third.

SBU managed to tie the game in the third inning with a three-run homer, but the 'Cats exploded for 12 runs in the fifth inning and three in the sixth to pull away from SBU, 20-4.

Paulson collected three home runs in the second game, including a three-run shot and a grand slam home run in the same inning.

Junior pitcher Mark Forret picked up the win going

three innings while giving up no earned runs and freshman pitcher Sal McGhee came in to mop up the final inning in relief.

Northwest will play on the road throughout spring break returning to Bearcat Field on March 10 to face Northwestern (Iowa) College.

Sunday the Bearcats will tangle with the Griffons of Missouri Western State College at Phil Welch Stadium in St. Joseph.

Sunday evening Northwest heads to Pittsburg, Kan., to play Pittsburg State University in a doubleheader Monday beginning at 1 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday the 'Cats are in Joplin for the Joplin Classic, which features round-robin play among Missouri Southern State College, South Dakota State University and Northwest.

Bearcats drop finale to Washburn, 92-63

By COLIN MCDONOUGH
 MISSOURIAN STAFF

After dropping its season finale to the Washburn University Lady Blues, 92-63, on Feb. 25, the women's basketball team will now look ahead to next season.

Wayne Winstead, women's head coach, said he was very happy with the team's play against Washburn and throughout the season, despite ending the regular season with a record of 11-15, 4-12 in the MIAA.

Northwest trailed the entire game but did cut the lead to 22-21, on a three-point play by sophomore forward Sandi Ickes midway through the first half. Ickes led the team in scoring with 12 points.

"I felt we really did a good job against Washburn," he said. "We played hard the whole game, which is what we have done all season."

Winstead said going into the game he wanted to slow Washburn's all-American forward Shelly Foster.

"We did a good job of containing Foster by holding her to only four points," he said. "But we had to make sacrifices on defense and they are a well-balanced team."

Winstead cited several moments in the season when he thought the team was really playing to its potential.

"The Central Missouri State game was a high point for the team when they realized they could play with the top teams in the conference," he said.

"During the Missouri Western game was a time when the players really felt they could take it one-on-one against anybody."

Freshman guard Pam Cummings finished her initial season as a Bearcat leading the team in assists with 169,

while averaging 7.8 points per game.

Cummings could soon become the best point guard in the conference, Winstead said.

"During her last three games, she really showed what she was capable of doing," he said. "She started to come on at Southwest Baptist when they pressed and trapped her. She literally broke their press by herself and made some layups."

"The best thing about Pam is that she does not get excited on the court," Winstead said. "She's a cool kind of player and might be the best point guard in the conference."

Saturday's defeat was the final collegiate game for Bearcat seniors Mary Henry and Brandi Jorgensen.

Winstead praised the efforts of his two seniors over the past four years.

"Brandi Jorgensen had a hard time getting into the flow because injuries plagued her career and threw her out of sync," he said. "Mary Henry was a leader even though she wasn't always on the court."

"Mary's biggest asset was her work ethic," he said. "She understood what it took to become a team member."

Henry said she will remember both the good and the bad from her career at Northwest.

"On the negative side, I'll remember the losing streak (15 games from last season) because it was frustrating," she said. "On the positive side, this year's team has a great bunch of girls because we get along well."

Winstead said he is looking forward to next year and the possibility of a winning ballclub.

"We want to be one of the top teams in the MIAA if not the top team," he said. "It will take a little luck and for everybody to stay healthy."

Netters defeat alumni 6-2

By JENI KLAMM
 MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Bearcat men's tennis team was all aces on Saturday when it defeated the Northwest Alumni team, 6-2, at the Frank Grube tennis courts on campus.

Bearcat assistant coach Darren Price defeated sophomore Jony Leitenbauer, 6-4 and 6-0 in singles competition. Senior Eduardo Jarolim and junior Dave Subrt defeated Price and Phil White, 8-4, in doubles action. The alumni match gave the 'Cats a

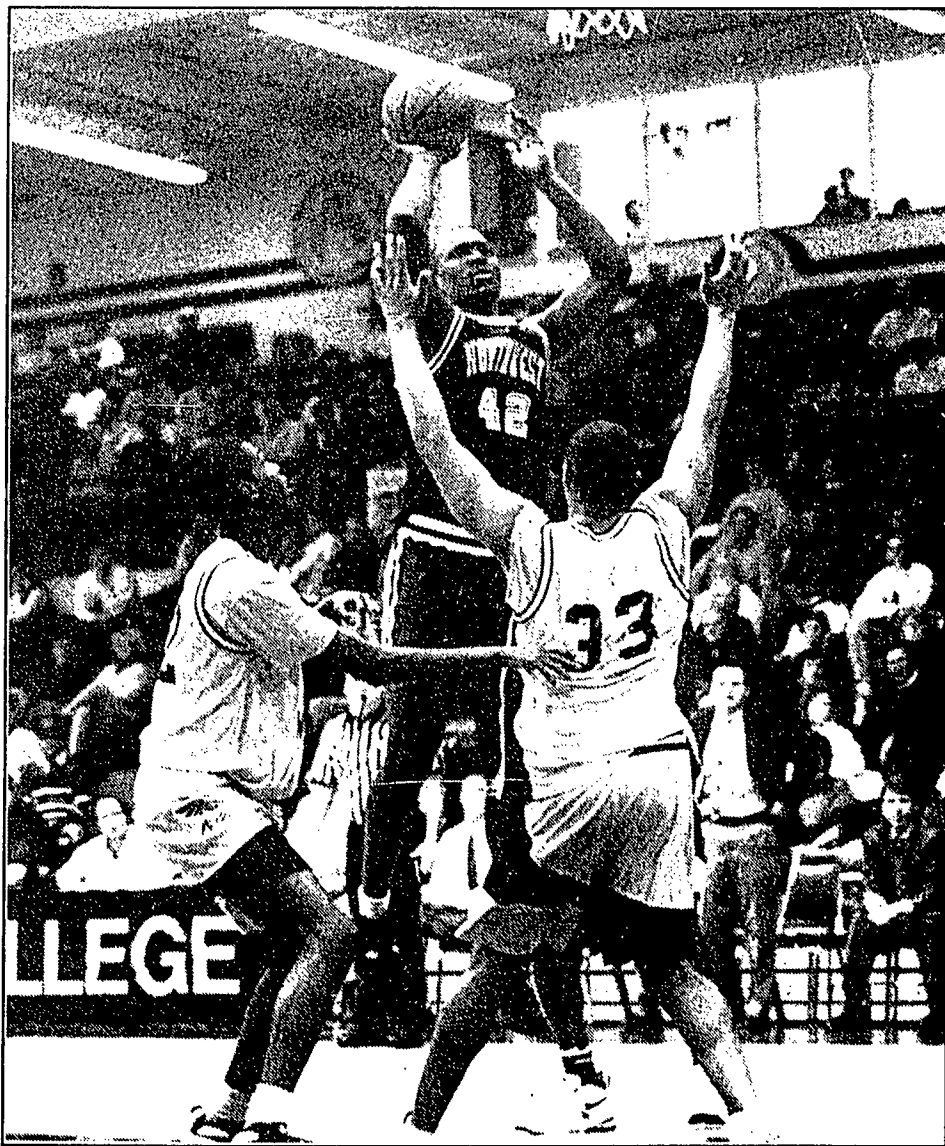
chance to play against old teammates and prepare for their next meet against Oral Roberts University on Sunday.

Both Bearcat teams leave Friday to compete in Tulsa, Okla. The men's and women's teams will compete against the University of Central Oklahoma, Northeastern State of Oklahoma and Oral Roberts, which should prove to be tough competition, senior Lucy Caputo said.

"Northeastern is ranked nationally and Oral Roberts in (NCAA) Division I," she said. "Each match will be a good competition."

JUNIOR CENTER RICKY JOLLEY slams the ball to gain two of the 73 points that the 'Cats earned during their game against No. 1-seeded Missouri Western Monday. The Griffons amassed 112 points, knocking the 'Cats out of postseason play.

CHRISTY SPAGNA/
 Photography Director



Griffons declaw 'Cats in playoff game

By NATE OLSON
 CHIEF REPORTER

The men's basketball team ended its season in disappointment as it was handily defeated in its final two games to finish with an overall record of 13-14, 7-9 in the MIAA.

Northwest 73

Missouri Western 112
 On Monday night Northwest, the eighth seed in the MIAA Conference postseason tournament, dropped its first-round tourney game to No. 1 seed and NCAA Division II seventh-ranked Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, 112-73.

However, prospects looked promising early as Northwest took a 15-12 lead on senior guard John Golden's three-pointer with 13:40 to play in the first half.

After that, however, the momentum of the game swung completely in Missouri Western's direction.

A stifling Griffon defense and a deadly display of long-range shoot-

ing allowed the Griffons to go on an unprecedented 30-3 run.

In the second half, the Griffons widened the deficit to 45 points. Their 112-point game is the second highest point total racked up against the 'Cats in MIAA play. Only Central Missouri State University's 113 in 1961 was greater.

Following the loss, head coach Steve Tappmeyer was nearly speechless.

"It was embarrassing," he said. "It was a disappointing and embarrassing loss and that is about all there is to say."

Tappmeyer said, for the most part, his team was not ready to play.

"John Golden came out and fought hard and was ready to play, but other than that we just did not look like we had anyone ready to go," he said.

Senior guard Scott Fidler said a combination of turnovers and Missouri Western's hot shooting led to the Bearcats' demise.

"They hit a couple of threes on us and we turned the ball over," he said. "They made some easy shots once we got down and nothing was going right."

Missouri Western hit a school-record 17 three-pointers out of 37 attempts in the game and had three players score more than 20 points.

Senior center Ricky Jolley led the 'Cats in scoring and rebounding with 19 points and seven boards. Golden added 15 points and five rebounds while junior forward Eddie Jones contributed 13 points.

Northwest 60, Washburn 80

On Saturday Washburn University also defeated Northwest, 80-60, in the Bearcats' final regular season game.

The loss snapped the 'Cats' 12-game home winning streak and gave the Ichabods a share of the MIAA title for the fourth straight year.

The game was tied early, but the Ichabods went on a 7-0 run midway through the first half and led 21-14 with 9:11 left.

Washburn had a 44-36 halftime lead and the 'Cats never threatened that lead in the second half.

Jolley scored 18 points and hauled down five rebounds to lead Northwest.

First
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THE NORTHWEST ROLLER Hockey club blocks the Northeast Missouri State University Roller Hockey club in the team's first competitive match. The match Saturday saw Northwest down Northeast 10-9.

JASON WENTZEL/
Missourian Staff

'Cats garner 4 solo titles
at MIAA championships

By JASON TARWATER
ASSISTANT TO THE EDITOR

The Northwest track teams combined to win four event championships at the MIAA conference meet Saturday in Warrensburg, Mo.

Overall, the women's team finished third out of nine teams while the men finished fourth out of nine teams.

Several Bearcats used this meet to their advantage by qualifying provisionally for nationals or improving their qualifying marks for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships in Indianapolis, March 10-11.

Freshman Carrie Sindelar brought home a conference championship in the 800-meter run, breaking her own school record and provisionally qualifying for nationals with a time of 2:18.77.

Junior Kerry Doetker brought home the other individual championship for the women, by high jumping 5-feet, 7 and three-quarter inches, improving her provisional qualifying mark. Doetker's jump also ranks her second in the nation in NCAA Division II.

The other first-place finish for the women was in the two-mile relay, with sophomore Renata Eustice, freshman Kathy Kearns, Sindelar and Doetker teaming up to run the event in a school-record time of 9:45.55.

Ron DeShon, women's head coach, said the third-place overall finish was a little disappointing, but the team just had bad timing.

"These girls know they could have been the MIAA champions," DeShon said. "We just had some bad luck at the wrong time of the season."

Part of that bad luck was running without freshman national qualifier and school record-holding sprinter Brandy Haan, who was out because of a pre-existing medical reason.

The men, although finishing lower in the standings than the women, had a lot of individual success of their own.

Junior Mitch Dosland took home the only first-place finish for the men, as he high jumped 6-11, provisionally qualifying for nationals.

Dosland also qualified in the long jump, where his 23-7 1/4 leap was good for second place at the meet.

Senior Shannon Wheeler finished third in the mile with a time of 4:14.6, which was good enough to provisionally qualify him for nationals. Wheeler also finished second in the 1,000-meter run in a time of 2:31.36.

Junior Ezra Whorley was the final provisional qualifier for the team, finishing fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 47-0 1/4.

Richard Alsop, men's head coach, said he was very pleased with the way his team ran this week.

"This was a very good meet for us," Alsop said. "Sometimes, your best is fourth place, and I think that was the case for us this weekend."

The teams have now finished their indoor season and have their first outdoor meet Saturday. They will take part in the Sam Houston State University Invitational in Huntsville, Texas.

They will remain in Texas during Northwest's spring break in order to train.

"This gives us a chance to keep working out together, but in a more relaxed atmosphere," Alsop said.

Undeclared Spoofhounds prepare for title chase

By COLIN MCDONOUGH
MISSOURIAN STAFF

They are undefeated, ranked No. 1 in the Class 3A Missouri State High School boys basketball poll and are the odds-on favorite heading into the Missouri State Basketball Tournament in Columbia.

They are the Spoofhounds of Maryville R-II High School, and they are in search of a state championship.

Mike Kuwitsky, Spoofhound head coach, said Maryville, 29-0, will be the team everyone else will be gunning for at this point in the season, including Class 3A Van Horn, who Maryville defeated, 51-34, at the St. Joseph Civic Arena on Wednesday.

"(Being undefeated) makes us more of a target," he said. "At tournament time, every team is going to give us their best shot at beating us."

Kuwitsky said it is nice being one of

the only two undefeated boys basketball teams in the state, but he tries not to think about the rankings too much.

"We set that (being undefeated) as a goal and we are happy and excited to be undefeated, but we did not really expect it," he said. "But as for the ratings, we don't have any control over them."

Other than Maryville, Class 4A Raytown High School is the only undefeated boys basketball team in

Missouri heading into sectional play this week.

Versatile 6-foot, 5-inch senior center Matt Redd and senior shooting guard Mike Morley are two key players who Kuwitsky relies on to lead the 'Hounds on offense and defense.

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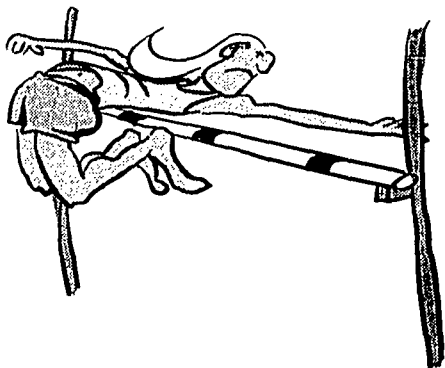


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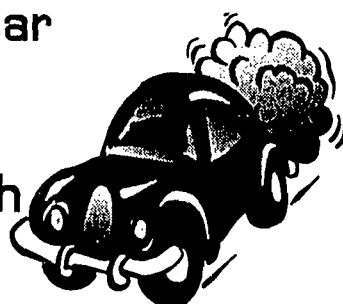
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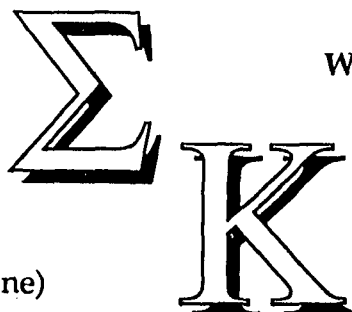
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'The Lion King'

★★★★ (out of four)

Voices: Jonathan Taylor Thomas, James Earl Jones, Jeremy Irons, Nathan Lane
Rating: G
Director: Rob Minkoff and Roger Allers
Reviewer: Mike Johnson

Disney cartoons aren't just movies; they're events. "The Lion King," the highest-grossing animated movie ever, is now available on home video and worthy of multiple viewings.

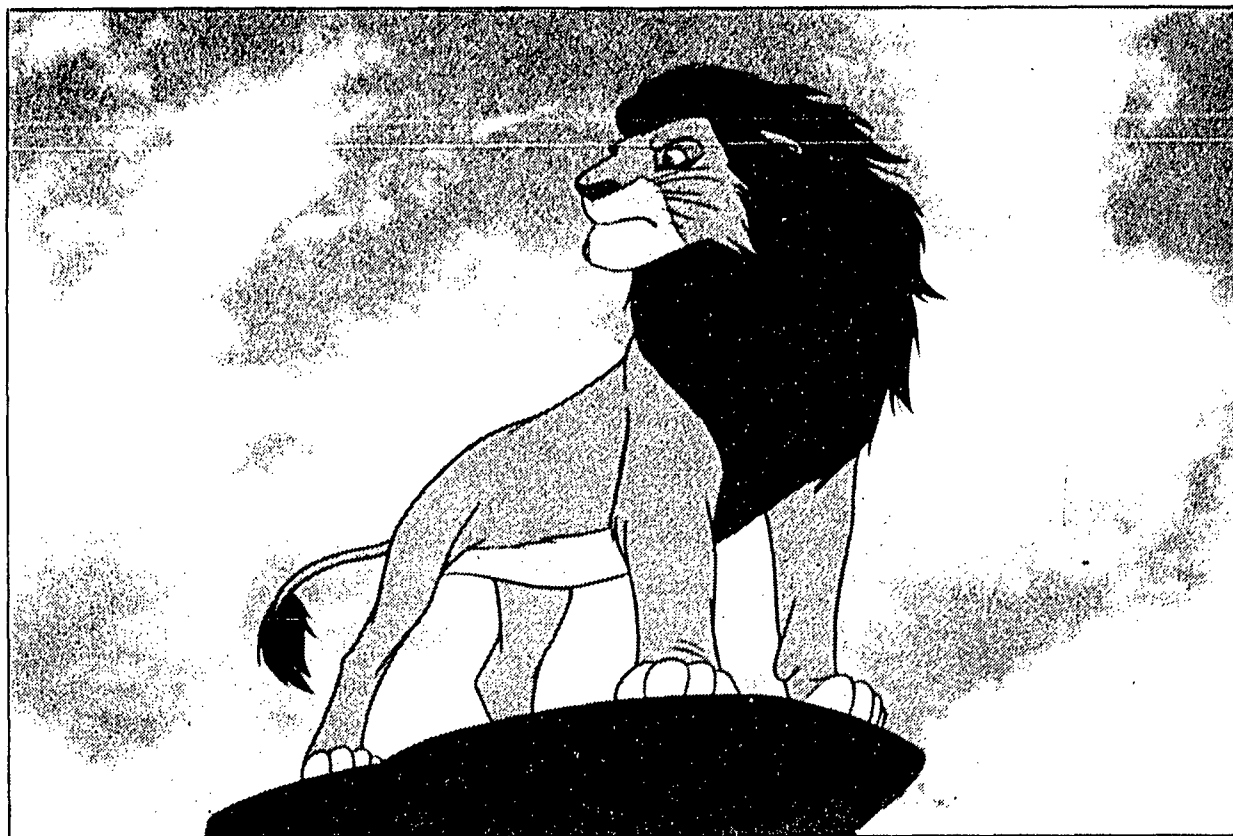
The plot is of Shakespearean proportions, with its black sheep brother killing the king and a prince searching for the meaning of his life.

Thankfully, not all is murder and contemplation. Humor gives the movie its endearing charm, courtesy of Pumbaa, the warthog; Timon, the meerkat and the hilarious Rafiki, a shaman monkey.

Continuing Disney's track record of great music, "The Lion King" boasts a soundtrack from the Grammy-award winning Elton John and Oscar-winning Tim Rice. "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" manages to be both sickeningly sweet and beautiful, while "Hakuna Matata," which, as everyone by now knows, means no worries, is hopelessly upbeat.

However, the plot, music and characters are icing on the cake of animation so rich that every cartoon sunset is a revelation and every fight outdoes the very best of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Unfortunately, the lion does not roar as loudly on the small screen as it does on the big screen. Without surround sound, the characters lose their



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grandeur and the images lose their clarity.

Still, Disney continues to amaze, with the upcoming animated feature, "Pocahontas" to hit theaters this summer. It boasts a Native American protagonist, Mel Gibson as Captain John Smith and a sad ending.

Whether the returns on that movie will be happy or not remains to be seen, but right now, Disney sits firmly atop the animation throne with no worries.

'Who Framed Roger Rabbit?'

★★★★ (out of four)

Stars: Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd
Rating: PG-13
Director: Robert Zemeckis
Reviewer: Mike Johnson

The best non-Disney animated movie has to be the dazzling "Who Framed Roger Rabbit." Director Robert Zemeckis, who also directed

"Forrest Gump" does a spectacular job blending animation with live-action in scenes that leap off the screen.

The script and plotline is somewhat weak. However, the believable characterization by the actors plus the sexy Jessica Rabbit, who as a cartoon has more screen presence than half the actresses in Hollywood.

Almost forgotten in the age of Disney, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" is a classic worth a look.

THE STROLLER



Yours Truly plans perfect spring break festivities.

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I can't wait. I'm breathless with anticipation. I have the most perfect spring break plans: a week of tropical sun, beaches, pounding waves against the shore and shots of Tequila until I can't see the sunny skies anymore.

Won't it be great to head out of Maryville and hop on a plane headed for the consistently fair weather climates instead of staying in this fickle warm-one-day-snowing-the-next town?

Your Hero has Padre Island in mind. Warm sun, warm climate, cold beer... nothing to do but drink my stresses away and bask in the sun of the afternoon, with sunglasses, of course, for our bloodshot eyes.

Then for a change of pace, we'll drink those silly drinks with the umbrellas in the neon lights of the night.

The perfect week will begin when "Bob" and I load our bags into the trusty (on occasion) Bobmobile and head for the airport to our own personal jet (OK, Southwestern Airlines) to take us to our long-awaited dream vacation.

Then we'll lie on the beach and watch the babes go by. We'll smile and raise our beers in a toast of appreciation.

Of course, we'll be too liquored to actually speak to them.

If all goes according to plan, our words would

come out like slurred baby language.

When we return, if we return, we may have such a great time we just might decide to relocate and spend the rest of our lifetime on the sandy beaches.

Anyway, when we return, we'll have these great natural tans, which we will show off for all those waiting to catch a glimpse of our golden brown if not well-toned bodies.

All our friends who spent their week skiing or some other exasperating activity like watching "Full House" will be so jealous of our achievement they will bow down and worship the drunken sun gods.

Well, we can hope for the best anyway.

This week will be the greatest in Your Man's life. A whole week of absolutely no classes, no homework no annoying people and no meetings. What a deal.

Your Vacationing Extraordinaire is so excited I have already packed and unpacked three times. I forgot I might have to use my toothbrush before I leave. Oops.

Now, all I have to do is figure out where I'll get the money, the plane ticket and lodging.

But, because Your Hero is broke, delusional and the Bobmobile's transmission dropped out two days ago, I guess I'll just spend my spring break in the 'Ville.

Holy Letdown, Batman! Your Man doesn't feel like the Boy Wonder anymore.

Did I not mention the exam I have to study for the Tuesday after break or the job I have to work at all week?

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'B'each movies retain charm

By MIKE JOHNSON
Associate Editor

The following article contains opinions of the writer.

This spring break, instead of sitting at home and watching reruns of "Hawaii Five-O" and "Baywatch," grab a bucket, some sand and plop down in front of the television for some truly hilarious beach movies.

"Spring Break" — This movie has it all — wet T-shirt contests, bad acting by a cast of unknowns willing to bare all and a script focusing around a teen's efforts to lose his virginity.

"Losin' It" — Before he made women swoon in films like "Top Gun" and before critics wowed in "Born on the Fourth of July," Tom Cruise starred as yet another teen losing his virginity to Shelley Long.

The film deserves jeers, rather than "cheers," but it's fun to see Cruise stalling in one of his earliest screen efforts.

"Where the Boys Are" — The original has the chalk-scrapping-on-the-blackboard talents of Connie Francis and the remake boasts a young, vacuous Lisa Hartman-Black and a cast of unknowns.

Both movies are tons of fun as a group of young women prove life's a beach as they look for men, booze and fun.

"Back to the Beach" — Watching ex-Mouseketeer and Skippy Peanut Butterspokeswoman Annette Funicello romancing Sonic Drive-in spokesman Frankie Avalon would be a perfect video double bill if only Avalon left his guitar and vocal chords at home.



Universal Pictures

MEL GIBSON AND Michelle Pfeiffer play passionate lovers in Robert Towne's "Tequila Sunrise," the sexiest beach film to steam the screen.

Still, a pre-porno house Pee Wee Herman doing "The Bird" makes it a camp classic.

"From Here To Eternity" — This is one of those rare genuinely good beach movies. It contains the most memorable roll in the sand in film history as Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr show how much they like each other.

"Summer City" — Before he wore chaps as "Maverick," Mel Gibson wore speedos in this hilarious Australian import about surfers falling in and out of love. It is hard to understand a word they are saying, but like bad kung fu movies, it is an irresistible hit.

"Tequila Sunrise" — Soaked in sunlight and looking impossibly better than they ever have before, Michelle Pfeiffer and Mel Gibson star in this sexy, but unintentionally comical

soaper, which also stars steel-faced Kurt Russell.

Gibson comes full circle, as he saves his son from drowning. The final image of a soaking wet Pfeiffer and Gibson kissing on the beach front, basking in the sunrise is unforgettable.

"Last Ticket to Hawaii" — For those who are looking for something with bikini-clad ex-Playboy Playmates who chase criminals while bedding most of the male cast, this is a first-class ticket in high camp. The scene with the fake anaconda coming out of a toilet, no joke, is a classic.

Classic beach movies — They may not be great, but by picking them up for a rental, you can almost hear the ocean lapping against a sandy, dream spot of spring break paradise even though you're stuck in the 'Ville on a bleary, cloudy day.

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